retrenchments in salaries and allowances and they are considering what further steps can be taken in the same direction. I have stated this in my opening speech also. Mr. Krishna Sastry's proposal is not practicable.

SUBJECT No. 2.

Introduction of the system of issuing passes to Government officials for railway journeys instead of paying them travelling allowances.

Mr. S. Virabhadrappa, Chitaldrug Taluk.

Mr. S. Virabhadrappa.—Government officers are given travelling allowances for journeys which they perform by railway. In the Postal Department, passes instead of money are given to the officials who have to undertake the journey. Such a system may be introduced here also, so that officers may avail themselves of the class of accommodation for which allowances are given to them.

Mr. Karnick Krishnamurthi Rao supported this member.

Dewan.—It is not possible to accept the suggestion.

SUBJECT No. 3.

Remittance of pensions by money order.

Mr. Shamachar, Arkalgud Taluk.

Mr. Shamachar.—Pensioners living in villages at a distance of 15 or 20 miles from places in which treasuries are located find it very inconvenient to go to these treasuries and receive their pension. At times they will have to spend money on account of cart-hire, etc. It is therefore requested that arrangements may be made to remit pensions to them by money order on production of life certificates obtained from a native doctor or the patel of the village.

Dewan.—Such an arrangement has been recently introduced in the Madras Presidency. If the system works satisfactorily there, we shall consider the question of introducing it here also.

SUBJECT No. 4.

Facilities for (*a*) the transfer of State Loan Bonds and (*b*) the settlement of claims of deceased holders.

Mr. Karnick Krishnamurthi Rao, Magadi Taluk.

Mr. Karnick Krishnamurthi Rao.—Endorsements by illiterate persons for transferring State Loan Bonds were being attested by Bench Magistrates. It has now to be done by Amildars. As Amildars do not always remain at headquarters, illiterate holders of bonds find great difficulty in negotiating them. If a person has to transfer a bond of small value which will give him interest amounting only to a few annas, he will have to wait for a day or more to get the attestation and will be put to unnecessary loss and expense. It is therefore prayed that power may be given to Bench Magistrates or patels to attest endorsements by illiterate persons.

Arrangements may also be made for the prompt disposal of claims of deceased holders of bonds. There are many instances in which these State Loan Bonds are sold at prices much below their face value owing to these difficulties, and this is undesirable.

First Member of Council.—The subject has been discussed in the Assembly on previous occasions and objections were raised to give power to Bench Magistrates or to patels. Hence the present practice.

Dewan.—This is an important matter and Government must protect the interests of the poor. The question of giving additional facilities will be considered. The power of attesting cannot be given to Bench Magistrates.